

1    **ABSTRACT**

2    Simultaneous communication sessions between electronic devices  
3    and a server are carried on communication links each of which is at  
4    least partially wireless. Information is sent from the devices to the  
5    server information associated with proposed debit or credit  
6    transactions. The transactions are completed using an application  
7    running on the server. The communication sessions are maintained  
8    in existence during inactive periods when information about  
9    another debit or credit transaction is not waiting to be sent from  
10   one or more of the devices to the server. After the inactive periods,  
11   the maintained communication sessions are used to send, from the  
12   devices to the server, information associated with other proposed  
13   debit or credit transactions.

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